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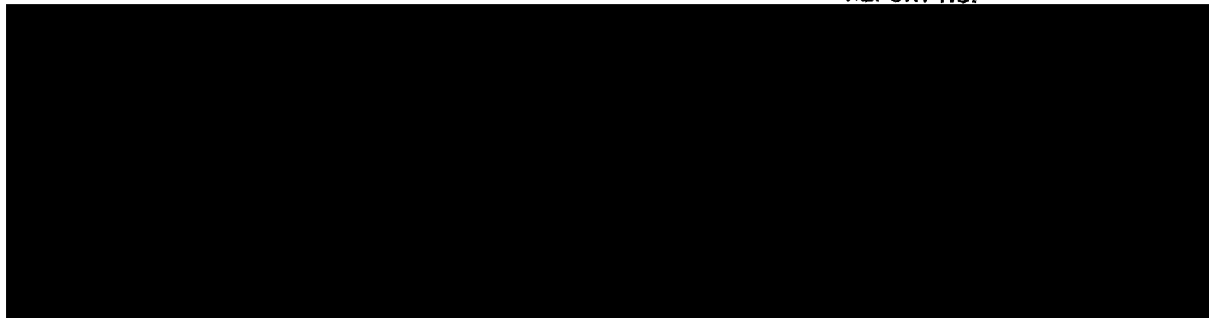
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1. A 36,000-40,000 ton battleship now near completion at Kronstadt is to be sent with 25 subchasers to Usedom, where the naval base is being reconstructed (apparently to accommodate the new vessel).
2. There is a remote possibility that this ties in with the alleged rocket base construction.
3. The only other battleship details are: unreported number of automatically controlled long-range guns, 280 mm (sic) twin-turret guns, nine heavy AA rocket guns, and two catapult aircraft.

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[REDACTED] Comment: This refers to Peenemunde, and its reactivation is considered doubtful.

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[REDACTED] Comment: Usedom does not appear to be a particularly good site for a naval base meant to accomodate a battleship. On the basis of the caliber, the twin-turret guns would appear to be the secondary battery, and this item is separate from the foregoing long-range guns.

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